

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress last year, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944. These benefits provide every eligible Veteran, Service member, Reservist, and National Guard member an opportunity to receive an in-state, undergraduate education at a public institution at no cost. Provisions of the program include payments for tuition and fees, housing, and a books and supplies stipend. Beginning August 1, 2009, veterans who have served on active duty for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001 and were honorably discharged can take advantage of the educational benefits offered under this legislation.

Approved training under the Post-9/11 GI Bill includes graduate and undergraduate degrees, and vocational/technical training, all of which must be offered by an institution of higher learning.

Additionally, tutorial assistance, licensing and certification test reimbursement are approved under the Post- 9/11 GI Bill.

The tuition and fee benefit is paid directly to a qualified veteran's school of choice in an amount up to the in-state cost at public institutions.

To account for those veterans whose expenses are greater than the in-state tuition, the GI Bill established the Yellow Ribbon Program, which allows institutions to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA under which they will cover tuition and fees beyond this point (find more information

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To apply for educational benefits under the GI Bill, fill out an application at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

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You can also call

1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to speak with a Department of Veterans Affairs expert who can answer your questions.